



Sweets, flowers and dinner spots in Hudson County for Valentine's Day

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Cupid will make his way to Hudson County in just a week, and with plenty of nearby flower shops, candy stores and restaurants, you can make Valentine's Day this year a memorable one.

Don't have plans for Valentines Day? Check out some of these options:

Fundraiser

Habit Hudson County, a group dedicated to the elimination of poverty, will host a gift-wrapping fundraiser on Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Newport Centre Mall in Jersey City.

Volunteers, who are required to be 16 and over and can work a minimum of two hours, are asked to attend an orientation at New Jersey City University on Monday at 6:30 p.m. in Fries Hall.

Donations of gift-wrapping supplies, including bows, ribbons, tape, wrapping tissue paper, are being accepted. To register or for information call 201-991-0673 or email jweems@habitahudsoncounty.org.

Candy Stores/Bakeries

From white chocolate-coated pretzels to delectable red velvet heart-shaped cupcakes, there are plenty of nearby bakeries and candy shops to help make this Valentine's Day sweet.

Check out some locations here, and be sure to call ahead for big orders!

Al Richards Chocolates, 851 Broadway, Bayonne, 201-436-0915

Lee Sims Chocolates, 743 Bergen Ave., Jersey City, 201-433-1308

Everything Nice Candy Shop, 6207 Bergenline Ave., West New York, 201-854-8943

Godiva Chocolatier, 30 Mall Dr., Jersey City, 201-626-2078

Gary's Sweet Shop, 444 West Side Ave., Jersey City, 201-433-0301

Plaza Candy, 700 Plaza Dr., Secaucus, 201-520-0043

Lepore's Homemade Chocolates, 105 Fourth St., Hoboken, 201-659-4783

Nick's Candy & Grocery 111 14th St., Hoboken, 201-683-0675

Feed Your Soul, 50 Dey St., Jersey City, 201-204-0720

Crumbs Bake Shop, 409 Washington St., Hoboken, 201-420-8900

DeLuca's Confectionery, 1086 Ave. C, Bayonne, 201-339-0987

Choc O Pain, 157 First St., Hoboken, 201-710-5175

Carlo's Bakery, 95 Washington St., Hoboken, 201-448-8400

Dulce de Leche, 6606 Bergenline Ave., West New York, 201-869-6999

Restaurants

Orale

Traditional Mexican restaurant, *Orale* (341 Grove St., Jersey City) will hold a "Friends With Benefits" night, offering a special prix fixe menu, open bar, and a DJ playing live music.

The restaurant will serve an assortment of Mexican dishes to share including guacamole, queso flameado, vegetarian enchiladas and tacos. The three-course tasting menu costs \$65 per person and includes one specialty cocktail and open bar.

For information call 201-333-0001 or visit events@oralemk.com.

Satis Bistro

With a special Valentine's Day menu, *Satis Bistro* (212 Washington St., Jersey City) will offer various Mediterranean options on Feb. 14 including roasted beef fettuccine, chestnut soup and poached black cod.

The four-course prix menu costs \$75 with the choice to add a wine pairing for \$45. For information call 201-433-5151.

Pilsener Haus & Biergarten

Pilsener Haus & Biergarten (1422 Grand St., Hoboken) will hold its third annual "F*@k Valentine's Day" event on Feb. 14.

The *Biergarten* will offer attendees beer, food, flowers and chocolate, as well as a special game that will run throughout the night. For information visit www.pilsenerhaus.com or call 201-683-5465.

Anthony David's

Anthony David's (953 Bloomfield St. Hoboken) will host a romantic candlelight dinner with a special three-course menu.

The Valentine's Day menu will include poached lobster with petit filet, spicy tuna tartar, and Samoa donuts. The

special menu costs \$85 per person. To make a reservation call 201-222-8359.

Bin 14

Bin 14 Trattoria Wine Bar (1314 Washington St., Hoboken) will offer locals a romantic evening serving a special three-course menu on Feb. 14.

The wine bar, which costs \$80 and begins to offer seating at 6 p.m., has an assortment of specially selected wines and handcrafted cocktails. For information or to make a reservation call 201-963-9463.

Amanda's Restaurant

Amanda's Restaurant (908 Washington St., Hoboken) will host a cozy Valentine's Day dinner on Feb. 14 with two special menus.

The first menu, which begins at 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., costs \$35 per person and the second, which runs from 6 to 10:30 p.m., will be a three-course prix fixe menu at \$70 per person.

The American-style eatery will serve an assortment of dishes including artisan salads, lamb meatballs, pork chop, sirloin, duck, chicken, creative soups and a selection of desserts.

For information call 201-798-0101 or visit www.amandasrestaurant.com.

Valentine Day Cruise

In celebration of Valentine's Day, Spirit Cruises will host "Your Love Boat," a three-hour dinner cruise on Feb. 13 and 14 from 7 to 11 p.m.

The cruise package includes a rose for every couple, champagne toast, tour on the Hudson River, as well as an elegant buffet, DJ, dancing and access to a deck.

The cruise, which costs \$89.90 per person on Feb. 13 and \$119.90 on Feb. 14, takes off from Lincoln Harbor in Weehawken, located at 1500 Harbor Blvd.

For information visit www.spiritcruises.com or call 201-319-5100.

Valentine's Day 5k

In support of the Wounded Warrior's Project, Liberty State Park will hold a Valentine's Day 5k on Feb. 14. The 5k will include a 1-mile run, at 9:30 a.m. for \$15, and 5k run, at 10 a.m. for \$25.

All participants will receive a free cup of hot chocolate. To register and for more information visit tiny.cc/valentine. The event, which offers free bag check and is stroller-friendly, is sponsored by the City Challenge Obstacle Race.

Cupid's Chase

For those looking to give back this Valentine's Day, Community Options Inc. will host its annual Cupid's Chase 5k Run

at two nearby locations on Feb. 14.

The national nonprofit organization will host its annual race to raise money for people with disabilities, at Buccleuch Park, located at 321 Easton Ave. in New Brunswick and 150-152 Speedwell Ave. in Morristown.

Registration for the 5k begins at 8 a.m., with the beginning at 10 a.m. Early registration (before Feb. 13) costs \$30 and \$50 on race day.

For information on the Morristown race call 973-872-7111 and for the New Brunswick one call 908-231-6762.

Florists

Nothing says, "I love you" like a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Check out some local florists offering an assortment of roses, orchids, and more, as well as gift baskets.

Hudson Florist, 741 Bergen Ave., Jersey City, 201-433-2868

Joseph's Florist, 3662 Kennedy Blvd., 201-792-1065

Brennan's Florist, 220 Newark Ave., Jersey City, 201-876-0580

Bouquets and Baskets, 548 Jersey Ave., Jersey City, 201-216-1188

Noah's Ark Florist, 34 Exchange Pl., Jersey City, 201-521-1031

Sacalis Florist, 575 Broadway, Bayonne, 201-437-1300

Family Florist, 859 Broadway, Bayonne, 201-437-7722

Flower Plaza, 101 Plaza Center, Secaucus, 201-601-1200

Daisy Florist, 4923 Bergenline Ave., West New York, 201-866-4432

A Garden of Flowers, 3806 New York Ave., Union City, 201-864-8006

Summit Flower Shop, 912 Summit Ave., Union City, 201-867-8682

West New York Florist, 5922 Bergenline Ave., West New York, 201-854-4332

Lee's Florist, 740 Kearny Ave., Kearny, 201-991-3600

Vi's Florist, 605 Harrison Ave., Harrison, 973-483-5110

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